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Designating October 1993 as “National School Attendance Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNULTY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Month”.

Whereas a child’s values are acquired and cultivated in large part through education, the love and support the child receives in the home, and through interaction with peers, family, and others;

Whereas child psychologists and educators believe that deprivation of love and affection at home adversely influences a child’s academic studies and school attendance;

Whereas school absenteeism is a reflection of a child’s poor self-esteem, and such absenteeism impacts adversely upon a child’s ability to acquire the social skills that are vital

to effective interaction with other people in the academic setting and outside world;

Whereas such social impairments usually lead to chronic absenteeism which, in turn, frequently produce high school dropouts with reduced earning power and steadily increasing levels of frustration;

Whereas individuals unable to secure or keep a steady job become prone to the enticements of criminal elements and often violently act out their frustrations; and

Whereas schools play a major role in helping to develop desirable citizenship skills and an understanding of community responsibility in their students, and such schools are more desirable and economically more productive than corrective programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the month of October 1993 is hereby designated as
4 “National School Attendance Month”, and the President
5 is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation—

6 (1) urging parents, teachers, and students to
7 recognize the importance of school attendance for all
8 children,

9 (2) encouraging parents and teachers to do ev-
10 erything in their power to help assure a perfect at-
11 tendance record for all children, and

12 (3) calling upon the people of the United States
13 to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies
14 and activities.

